SPIL COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Date: December 5, 2019

Time: 4:04 pm – 6:54 pm

Members Present: Aaron Andres, Yvonne Fleener, Mark Pierce, Theresa Metzmaker

SILC Council Members:

Staff: Steve Locke, Tracy Brown

Members of the Public: Eleanor Canter, Luke Zelley, Joe Harcz

Absent: Alex Darr

Recommended Full Council Discussion Topics:

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll call was taken. Quorum was present.
3. Public Comment

* Public comment was received by Luke Zelley.

(Reference 12.5.19 CART Transcript)

1. Approval of Agenda

* Additional items added: Make up of SPIL Writing Team and Election of Diane Fleser to SPIL Writing Team.

***Motion by Aaron Andres, 2nd by Mark Pierce to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. (Roll call vote: Yes ~ Aaron Andres, Mark Pierce, Yvonne Fleener, Theresa Metzmaker)***

1. Make up of SPIL Writing Team

* Currently, we have three CIL directors and we have three SILC representatives.

1. Consumer Representative to SPIL Writing Team Discussion

* Going back to the regulations and The Guide Book for SILC Chairpersons put together by ILRU it states that the SILC chair and CIL directors in the state are required to be on the team. It further says consider including other SILC members or other CIL staff and the DSE.
* Essentially the SPIL writing team or the SPIL development team should be made up of SILC members and CIL directors that is what is recorded in regulations and the actions that the Council has taken was to go further than that and try to include additional consumer voices on the writing team but based on the conversation with ACL, SILC was advised to stick to the regulations at this point until our Bylaws are revised.
* There is a couple of things consumers could do. The first is to participate in our public input sessions that are coming up, over the next two weeks. The second thing is to apply to become Council members. We will have vacancies that will need to be filled.
* We can set up a zoom meeting with the individuals that send in the Consumer Representative application and explain to them what happened, the history of what happened and how we got to the point that we are at, be transparent, open and honest and let them know that their input is valuable and because of what has happened recently this is what we are offering in terms of getting their feedback and future avenues for their full participation in what SILC is doing.

1. Election of Diane Fleser to SPIL Writing Team

* The SPIL writing team that was developed under Rodney's leadership last year included Diane Fleser.
* In September, we had the vote to compose the writing team and Diane Fleser was excluded from that. She has continued to express her desire to be on the writing team
* A motion was made and voted through by the Council on December 4, 2019 preemptively supporting the SPIL committee if they choose to add Diane Fleser or a CIL director alternate to the SPIL writing team and/or support the decision not to add them

***Motion by Aaron Andres, 2nd by Mark Pierce to approve Diane Fleser to the SPIL Writing Team. Motion carried. (Roll call vote: Yes ~ Aaron Andres, Mark Pierce, Yvonne Fleener. No ~ Theresa Metzmaker)***

1. Review FY2017-2019 SPIL Report

* The committee reviewed all six goals. Inclusive and Accessible Communities, Education, Employment, Emergency Preparedness, Long-Term Services and Supports, Effective and Efficient Independent Living Program.
* This monitoring report is very telling and it's going to be very informative for the next SPIL writing because a lot of the data points are outputs, they are not outcomes, they are simply a count of something, how many meetings did we have?, how many people did we affect?, it's not talking about the change that we created in the lives of people with disabilities.
* Many times, where it is showing no data there is a disconnect between the SPIL and the SPIL data group. Steve is going to bridge the gap because he has been on the SPIL data group for the last 14 years when it was a peer to peer information sharing group and he will now participate on behalf of SILC. While writing the next SPIL objectives and measurements Steve will take those back to the SPIL data group and test it to make sure that the data is extractible out of the NetCIL database for those outcomes.

Inclusive and Accessible Communities

* There needs to be a conversation with the CIL network about partnering with other state advocacy entities and public policy entities. There are other folks out there that are on the front lines actively responding in real time to the changing, the shifting grounds of politics that are happening right now.
* During our website redesign we can create a feedback portal on SILC's website and on our Facebook page to actively solicit ongoing input/feedback to the CIL network and as we partner with other advocacy entities throughout the state to be a real time response team, a statewide grass roots response team.

Education

* Pre ETS services is really employment related. It may happen in the schools, but historically with the net CIL of data users group the education priority area has always been about a student with disabilities access to a public education. If we are drilling down to preemployment transition services which is one of the fifth core services that CILs had added under WIOA, what we really need to know is what was the effect of those preemployment transition services on the student? What did it result in?
* The Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) was something about ten years ago. it was an event that brought together a lot of youth from around the state to do leadership training over the course of several days. The funding for YLF has been allocated to something else.
* Funding reform is a large objective. SILC itself is not equipped to take this on and we would have to have partners on board ahead of time to be effective in getting any kind of outcomes in the way this is written.

Employment

* The number of consumers with competitive integrated employment, CILs are not job placement entities so these numbers only reflect the occasional consumer goal at a CIL. The real data lies with MRS and BSBP. There are other experts out in the community and throughout the state that specialize in this and so to limit this to just CIL data is not very useful in the way that this objective was really written. This is a very important goal and we are looking to the wrong entities for the information.
* It was suggested at previous meetings to remove objective two, Michigan’s IL Network will participate in systems advocacy activities relating to employment, including the ODEP Employment First grant and assist community rehabilitation organizations and vocational rehabilitation achieve the goals of the Employment First Executive Order and the Unified State Workforce Development Plan.

Emergency Preparedness

* This issue is twofold, there is the individual preparation for an emergency and then there is the community response to an emergency for people with disabilities.
* There is the individual side of it to help them develop their own plan based on their own needs but then there is engaging the emergency response community throughout the state to make sure that people with disabilities are included in that plan.

Long-Term Services and Supports

* The CIL network went through a nursing home transition redesign process because it used to be state funded and then the state provided a grant specifically for CILs to hire outreach staff who did outreach 100% of the time and the redesign they rolled the outreach services into the Medicaid rate and outreach basically went away. CILs used to have full time people that went out into the service areas to the nursing homes to educate the people that were in those facilities about their options and that went away in the redesign and that is kind of why there is a drop in the numbers because the funding went away to actually have full time people dedicated to doing that.

Effective and Efficient Independent Living Program

* Peer review process ~ The CILs have two monitoring entities, MRS as the state grant oversight entity and ACL from the Federal side and both MRS and ACL use the same review guidelines for compliance for the CILs. The intent of this objective was for the CILs to develop a peer led review process so that the CILs were in an audit ready state at all times based on those standardized monitoring questions and tools. The intent of this objective was to help build capacity within the CILs to make sure they are in compliance with Federal regulations should a monitoring event come in at any time.
* Culture of Excellence ~ The CIL network is working on the Disability Network Academy. The Disability Network in Flint spearheaded the development of the Disability Network Academy, the intent of it was to have three levels of online standardized training for CIL employees. It would be a web-based module with three different levels of training all the way up to expert for their CIL staff. The intent was to have standardized training modules with testing at the end that each employee would have to pass knowledge tests based on the module trainings that they took. The first module is what has been developed so far.

1. Next meeting will be Thursday, February 6, 2020 4:00pm – 6:00pm
2. Public Comment

* Public comment was received by Luke Zelley, Eleanor Canter and Joe Harcz.

(Reference 12.5.19 CART Transcript)

Meeting adjourned.